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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/809,944  
Confirmation No.: 6398  
Filing Date: March 25, 2004  
Examiner: Deepak Rao  
Group Art Unit: 1624  
Applicants: Farmer et al.  
For: THIAZOLES USEFUL AS INHIBITORS OF PROTEIN  
KINASES

May 30, 2006  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the March 29, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. A reply was due April 29, 2006. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time up to, and including, May 30, 2006.<sup>1</sup> Consequently, this reply is timely submitted.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 27 of this Reply.

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<sup>1</sup> With the extension of time, a reply was due May 29, 2006, which was a federal holiday. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), the reply may be filed the next business day.